



Marilyn "Mary" Piper

January 13, 1930 - March 14, 2024

Marilyn Joyce "Mary" Piper, 94, formerly of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Thursday, March 14, 2024, of natural causes at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center, Johnston, Iowa.

She was born on January 13, 1930, in Plainfield, Iowa, to Gailerd Leroy Smith and Helen Viola (Smith) Smith. The family moved to Cedar Falls in 1944, and Marilyn graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1947. She was united in marriage to Gerald Lloyd Piper on April 16, 1950, at The Little Brown Church in the Vale, Nashua, Iowa. Marilyn and Gerald raised their family in Cedar Falls.

She retired from Viking Pump Co. (IDEX Corp.) in 1992, after 25 years of service in the main office. Marilyn enjoyed golf, cross-country skiing, reading, attending arts festivals, and spending time with her family. In later years she was an avid word search puzzler and "Jeopardy" devotee. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church (now Prairie Lakes Church) in Cedar Falls, where she was a member of the Missions Committee and the Mary-Faith Circle.

She moved to Johnston, Iowa in 2010, residing at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center in Johnston since 2015. She enjoyed attending St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Des Moines, Iowa, and later at non-denominational church

services at Bishop Drumm.

She is survived by son Michael J. Piper of Grimes, Iowa; grandchildren Tonya J. Picknell of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Ryan T. Piper; great-grandchildren Katherine (Anthony) Tesillo, Cody Picknell, Scot Picknell, Chuck Fecht, Khloe Piper, and Lucas Piper; great-great-grandchildren Adalynn Piper and Remy Piper; and sister Judith I. (Norman) Carbiener of Geneseo, Illinois.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; daughter Debra Deonne Piper; sons Marc Alan Piper and Jeffrey Scott Piper; granddaughter Teresa Lynn Cochrane; great-granddaughter Britny Ann Piper; and sister Bonnie Gail Jermier.

Visitation and viewing will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Richardson Funeral Service, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Richardson Funeral Service, the Rev. Liane Nichols officiating, with visitation and viewing one hour before service time. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Cedar Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the family, or to the March of Dimes (www.marchofdimes.org).

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Lone Tree Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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Funeral Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



Michael
Julian

“ On behalf of the Piper family, I want to express our deepest gratitude to Mike Sulentic and the staff at Richardson Funeral Service. You handled the myriad of details and arrangements—many of them behind the scenes—with great care and compassion. We felt truly cared for, which helped us focus on celebrating the life of our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Great-great-grandmother, and Sister. We are truly thankful.
—Michael Piper

Michael Julian - March 21, 2024 at 10:44 PM

PM

“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of a great woman. Mary Piper was a gift from God and we are truly blessed to have known her. I am grateful to God for allowing me to be part of her life. I always found comfort and support from her love. My family and I have warm memories of times spent with Mary, and we would like to share the hope we have in the Lord at these moments of sorrow when He says:
“I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Every one who lives in me and believes in me will never die.” John 11:25
Love
Priscila and the Palomino Family

Priscila P. Moates - March 19, 2024 at 04:56 PM

PF

“ Priscila and the Palomino Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn "Mary" Piper.



Priscila and the Palomino Family - March 19, 2024 at 04:39 PM

SS

“ Spanish Language Services purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marilyn "Mary" Piper.



Spanish Language Services - March 19, 2024 at 02:22 PM

KW

“ You gave me all of your unconditional love, your faith in God and Jesus, your joy for life, your belief in human beings in just the short time I got the privilege to know you. You were an angel sent from God for so many of us and I am forever grateful and honored to have known you!!!



Kristin Wiedenfeld - March 19, 2024 at 02:19 PM

KW

“ Kristin Wiedenfeld purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marilyn "Mary" Piper.



Kristin Wiedenfeld - March 19, 2024 at 02:13 PM

KW

“ *Kristin Wiedenfeld planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn “Mary” Piper.*

Kristin Wiedenfeld - March 19, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn “Mary” Piper.*



March 16, 2024 at 05:34 PM